

IN THE CLAIMS:

5. (Amended) A method of making an encased monolithic ceramic sorbent according to claim 1, comprising:

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- a) providing a monolithic ceramic sorbent comprising at least one porous ceramic moulding, and
 - b) providing a liquid-impermeable, pressure-resistant fitted polymer casing around the ceramic sorbent.

Please add claims 16 and 17 as follows:

--16. The encased monolithic sorbent of claim 1, wherein the pressure-resistant plastic casing is comprised of a polyether ether ketone material.

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17. The method of claim 5, wherein the liquid-impermeable, pressure-resistant fitted polymer casing is comprised of a polyether ether ketone material.--